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Ohio Prospective Plantings Report

Ohio farmers will devote less ground to soybeans in 2018, while intentions for all other crops remains the same or more, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office.

Ohio corn producers intend to plant 3.45 million acres this spring, an increase of 50,000 acres from last year. Ohio soybean acreage is forecast at 4.85 million acres for 2018, down 250,000 acres from last year's record. Hay acreage for 2018 is estimated at 1.2 million acres, up 140,000 acres. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay.

Winter wheat acreage for 2018 is estimated at 490,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from the previous year's record low. Ohio's oat acreage is projected to remain the same at 60,000 acres.

Nationally, corn planted area for all purposes in 2018 is estimated at 88.0 million acres, down 2 percent or 2.14 million acres from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage is expected to be down or unchanged in 33 of the 48 estimating States.

U.S. soybean planted area for 2018 is estimated at 89.0 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are down or unchanged in 20 of the 31 estimating States.

Nationally, all wheat planted area for 2018 is estimated at 47.3 million acres, up 3 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest all wheat planted area on record since records began in 1919. The 2018 winter wheat planted area, at 32.7 million acres, is up slightly from both last year and the previous estimate. Of this total, about 23.2 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.85 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.64 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2018 is estimated at 12.6 million acres, up 15 percent from 2017. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2018 is estimated at 2.00 million acres, down 13 percent from the previous year.

Acres by Crop, Ohio and United States: 2016 - 2018

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Corn, all						
Planted 1,000 acres	3,550	3,400	3,450	94,004	90,167	88,026
Hay, all						
Harvested 1,000 acres	970	1,060	1,200	53,481	53,784	53,726
Oats						
Planted 1,000 acres	50	60	60	2,829	2,588	2,716
Soybeans						
Planted 1,000 acres	4,850	5,100	4,850	83,433	90,142	88,982
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	580	460	490	36,152	32,696	32,708

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